



Salem-Zion Mennonite Church

October 25, 2020

“Harvest Mission Festival”

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude Austin Unruh
 Welcome and Call to Worship (from Psalm 126) Corey Miller
 L: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, our mouth was filled with laughter and joy.
P: The LORD has done great things for us and we rejoiced!
 L: May those who sow in tears, reap with shouts of joy.
P: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
ALL: Shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves!
 Opening Prayer
 Opening Hymn – *Now thank we all our God* (HWB #85)
 Celebrating God’s Mission – Mennonite Mission Network
 Child Dedication HWB #791
 Josephine Graber, daughter of Jon and Liz Graber, born Dec. 8, 2019
 Gideon Hofer, son of Josh and Lynelle Hofer, born May 22, 2019
 Sarah Hofer, daughter of Patrick and Laura Hofer, born July 21, 2019
 Isaiah Unruh, son of Austin and Lindsey Unruh, born Feb. 21, 2020
 Song – *Lord, we bring to you our children* (SJ #90)

CELEBRATING GOD’S MISSION ACROSS THE STREET

* Hearing the Gospel	Matthew 9:35-38
Bearcat Avenue, FA Caring Closet	Lacey Friesen
Swan Lake Christian Camp	Gwen Ortman
Shalom Church Partnership	John Epp
MDS	John Epp
Wellspring Ministry	Krista Graber
Community Garden	Gloria Graber
Bienvenidos Flandreau Ministry	Gloria Graber
MCC Meat Canning	Tim Eisenbeis
MCC Sale	Paul Ortman
The Banquet	Lillie Eisenbeis

RESPONDING TO GOD’S CALL

Song – *God, whose farm is all creation* (HWB #391)
 Sharing and Congregational Prayer
 Sending Song – *Seeds* Austin Unruh
 Benediction
 Postlude
 Sending Song Outside – *Praise God from whom*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Praise God from whom all blessings flow; in heav’n above and earth below; one God three persons we adore. To God be praise forevermore.

Church Calendar

Deadline for bulletin submissions is 8:30 p.m. Wednesday; salemzion@gwtc.net

TODAY

As our harvest season continues in the fields, we also are mindful of God’s harvest in the Kingdom. Today, we remember, recall, and celebrate the ministries that we have been involved with over the past year and we praise God for the good harvest that has come. We are so glad you have joined us for worship!

The offering that we are celebrating today is for **Mennonite Mission Network**. In July of 2001, standing on the stage at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN, Stanley Green revealed to Mennonite Church USA the name of our missional agency: Mennonite Mission Network! For nearly 20 years, MMN has been training, equipping and sending disciples into all parts of the world to proclaim Christ’s Good News. Their motto has been “*from across the streets to around the world*” and today, our offering joyfully contributes to this timeless calling.

TODAY – Catechism and *Christ in Crisis* study at 9:30 a.m.
 No in-person Jr. Sunday School for Preschool - 8th grade

THIS WEEK

Oct. 29 (Thurs) – Outreach and Service Committee meeting at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY – November 1

Next Sunday we will be returning to our focus of “**Road Signs & Guideposts**” through the prophet Jeremiah. The theme of the morning will be “*Seek the Peace*” and the text will be Jeremiah 29:4-7, 11-14. Pastor Corey will be preaching and we will remember those from our church who died in the past year.
 Offering next Sunday will be for the **Household Treasury**.

COMING EVENTS

Nov. 1 – All Saints Day as we remember and give thanks for those in our church who died in the past year
Nov. 22 – Annual Congregational Business Meeting
Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Worship Service at South Church. You will be able to worship in person with social distancing as well as tune into the service through ZOOM. More details to come.

Salem-Zion Prayer Requests & News

Happenings over the past week:

- Ken Mannes had a week of successes and setbacks at the Heart Hospital. He remains a patient there as they try and get his heart in rhythm.
- Our brother Allen Schmidt died last Monday morning at the Sanford Hospital. His memorial service will be on October 31st in the morning at Salem-Zion Mennonite.

Remember to pray for:

- those who cannot be here today: Rita Graber.
- Mary Schmidt and her daughters Katrina and Monique, as they grieve the loss of their husband and father.
- Ken Mannes as he continues to recover from his heart surgery.
- Paul Engbrecht, Maxine Ortman and others at the Tieszen Home who are dealing with Covid-19.
- the 545 children who were separated at the U.S. border between July 1, 2017 and June 26, 2018 under the direction of our current administration. THIS week, it has been revealed that the U.S. has not been able to find the parents of these 545 children. Imagine the heartache, trauma and devastation that these blessed children have endured. Lord, have mercy!
- Pastor Corey and all of the faithful shepherds in Central Plains Mennonite Conference as Pastor Appreciation Month draws to a close. Our conference is blessed with the leadership of so many good pastors!

Remember to thank God for:

- the healing and hope that flows through our ministries at Salem-Zion. Praise God for this light and love that is making a difference in the world, even across the street.

Sign-up TODAY in the narthex to "**Serve one another in Love**". The sign-up sheet will be available until Monday, so now is the time to choose how you will serve those with whom you worship and fellowship. Both men and women are encouraged to take part. If there are questions, please ask Elizabeth Janssen, MW Exec. Chairwoman.

Dear Generous People ☺, I would like to **Thank You** for the generous donation of food that Lacey delivered. You have no idea what a gift this is and how much it helps. I average 4-5 students per day who come to me looking for something to eat. We have quite a few needy families in our district and often have students who don't get a lot to eat at home. They often stop in my office at the end of the day for a snack to eat on the bus...or come before school as they haven't had anything to eat. You help so much – I cannot thank you enough! God Bless, Nancy Kennedy, Marion Schools

Household Treasury Report – Balance: \$5,659.88. As we reach the end of the fiscal year (October 31), we greatly appreciate your giving and generosity to keep our Salem-Zion community functioning! Thank you so much!

Please note that all information for the annual business meeting is due by **November 5** and the yearbook deadline is **December 1**. Please continue to share updated contact information with the church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your assistance.

Church office: Lisa will be in the church office on Thursday mornings and by appointment as requested. Feel free to reach her by cell phone or e-mail throughout the rest of the week.

Community Connections

Rural Revival will meet on October 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Salem-Zion Mennonite Church. All are welcome to attend.

This year the funds raised at the FRHS Auxiliary Fund drive in May and the Soup Day & Bake Sale in Oct. had to be cancelled because of the pandemic. We are having a fund drive during the month of October to still purchase a respiratory suction unit for Oakview Terrace Nursing Home, so we are asking for donations to do this. If you would like to give, please mail checks payable to **FRHS Auxiliary** to Marlene Herman, PO Box 364, Freeman, SD 57029 or put them in Clara Graber's mail box in church. You may also drop your donation at any Freeman bank or grocery store. Thank you.

The October edition of On the Level is now available from **Mennonite Disaster Service** at <https://conta.cc/35fEZZQ>. In our current issue, you can read how homes built by MDS have weathered recent hurricanes in Louisiana and Texas, MDS Canada builds its first house during the pandemic and we are now accepting volunteers for fall and winter projects.

Praying for God's wisdom in this election season:

"We need leaders not in love with money, but in love with justice. Not in love with publicity, but in love with humanity." - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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